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1. Following is text of Secretary's remarks at reception hosted by PM Meir ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Wednesday evening, May 29, 1974:
2. QUOTE. Madame Prime Minister; friends and colleagues:
 Foreign policy usually deals with abstractions, with nations and with military units, with borders. It isn't often that one can deal with subjects that involve the individual experience of millions of people and where as one deals with it one can sense the emotions and the hopes and the fears and where one can believe that one has made a contribution in the recent weeks.

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3. In periods which were sometimes difficult we have come to know not every stream in Kunsitra, but almost every hope of people on both sides of the border where every field evokes such profound associations and where one begins to sense that the desire for peace is taking on ever more tangible forces.

4. This country, which has suffered so much, and the people that have suffered so much, no gift could be greater than the possibility of a true and lasting peace.

5. On behalf of all of my colleagues, I know that our deepest wishes of the past month will speed the day when a lasting peace comes, and as the Prime Minister so eloquently said, when children on both sides of the frontier can live in security, when mothers do not have to worry about their sons and when everybody can turn their energies to tasks of construction.

Our Israeli colleagues and we have worked together with a common attitude towards the common objective of peace and we shall miss nightly meetings (laughter), but we have forged an understanding of each other and of friendship that none of us will ever forget and we have felt too the hopes and the wishes of the people of Israel which when merged with the hopes of the people on the other side of the frontier must lead soon to a lasting peace.

6. To the Prime Minister, who has been an inspiration to us all on both sides of the table, we are so happy that in this, her last week in office, she could make this great contribution

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to the establishment of peace and we hope that we will have the opportunity to benefit from her wisdom for many decades to come. Thank you very much. UNQUOTE.

7. Transcription of PM Meir's remarks:

8. ~~MEIR~~ QUOTE. Ladies and ~~Members~~ Gentlemen of the press, my colleagues, & the guests, Mr. Secretary, and your colleagues: I can say now our colleagues on both sides, right? There is no doubt that this is a great evening, an evening that spells great efforts, a lot of soul-searching, and searching possibilities that ~~perhaps some time ago~~ maybe sometime ago seemed to be impossible. ~~MEIR~~

9. This is a day that we hope will be a day that will not only bring immediate quiet on our northern borders and that Syrian mothers, Israeli mothers, Syrian young wives, Israeli young wives, children on both sides of the border can go to sleep at night without terror, ~~dreams of~~ dreams of who knows, if their dear one is alive today will ~~be~~ he be alive again on the next day? This is what we hope for, for our people and for our neighbors and we hope that this goes well. We pray that it should, that this is a beginning for a real and lasting peace with all our neighbors and all our borders. Again, for the sake of the people on both sides of the border.

10. Mr. Secretary, this is really to a very great extent your day. It's been a joy and a pleasure to work together. We

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sat
~~say~~/on different sides of the table; American delegation on one side, Israeli delegation on the other side, but sometimes our problems were rather mixed up, because we really wanted exactly the same thing. But there is no doubt—I've said it before—without your patience, without your ability for work—although you gave us an inferiority complex—I've said to my colleagues in the Cabinet that with the exception of those that were Chiefs of Staff in the old ~~x~~ days and the Chief of Staff of today that (Dr. Kissinger) knows the terrain like he knows his own home. I don't think anyone of us would dare face an examination (from Dr. Kissinger) of hills, towns, roads, ~~many~~ houses. Every house in Kuneitra and every house that is not there anymore, even.

11. I think you know—and you heard it over the radio—my colleague Shimon Peres has said this over the radio (that) the Government today at the meeting has unanimously accepted the agreement. At the same time it passed the resolution and asked me to say this tonight—that on behalf of the Israel ~~Government~~ Government, on behalf of all the the people of Israel, all the boys that are still on the front, that we want to express to you our great appreciation, admiration, and wonder of how you do it. Some of the newspapermen said do I know how you do it? I don't, but you've done it! And I want to say thank you to you and to your colleagues and really congratulations. And I want through this media—I think there are two televisions around here—to through this media ^{to} say on behalf

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of the Israel Government that was passed today to give our best wishes, appreciation, and congratulations to the President of the United States, Mr. Nixon. ~~SECRET~~

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